

**STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
June 14, 2006**

***I. Call to Order***

Chairman Cashman called the meeting to order at 9:09 A.M. Commissioners Mendoza, Jenkins and Dolan were present. Staff Members present were Messrs. Garfield, Lenge, Clonan, Hasen, Smith, Crayton, Ly, Ms. Mathieu, Ms. Andrews, Ms. Kulmacz, Ms. Haqq and Ms. Blackburn.

***II. Approval of the Minutes***

A. *Approval of the Minutes of the April 19, 2006 Special Meeting*

B. *Approval of the Minutes of the May 12, 2006 Special Meeting*

It was moved by Commissioner Mendoza and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2006 and May 12, 2006 special meetings. So voted.

***III. Pending Complaints and Investigations***

A. *Public Session*

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Gerald Zordan, Torrington  
File No. 2005-294  
Proposed Findings and Conclusions  
Investigator: Attorney Joan M. Andrews  
Managing Attorney: Jeffrey B. Garfield

Mr. Garfield explained the above referenced complaint and the proposed Findings and Conclusions recommending that the matter be dismissed.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Mendoza to adopt the proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2005-294 for the reasons stated. So voted. The matter is dismissed. A copy of the Findings and Conclusions is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

2. In the Matter of a Complaint by Patrick O'Sullivan, Orange  
File No. 2005-298  
Proposed Consent Agreement and Order  
Respondents: Roy Smith and William Cooper  
Investigator: Attorney Marc W. Crayton  
Managing Attorney: Albert P. Lenge

Mr. Lenge explained the above referenced complaint and the proposed Consent Agreement and Order. The Respondents have signed the proposed Consent Agreement and they have each paid the civil penalty of \$650 for compliance.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Mendoza to adopt the proposed Consent Agreement and Order in File No. 2005-298. So voted. A copy of the Consent Agreement and Order is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

3. In the Matter of a Complaint by Maria Lisa Gagliardi, Northford  
File No. 2005-309  
Proposed Consent Agreement and Order  
Respondent: Ed Skerritt  
Investigator: Attorney Marc W. Crayton  
Managing Attorney: Albert P. Lenge

Mr. Lenge explained the above referenced complaint and the proposed Consent Agreement and Order. The proposed Consent Agreement and Order has been signed by Respondent Skerritt.

It was moved by Commissioner Dolan and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to adopt the proposed Consent Agreement and Order in File No. 2005-309. So voted. A copy of the Consent agreement and Order is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

4. In the Matter of a Complaint by Manuel Ayala, Bridgeport  
File No. 2006-126  
Proposed Consent Agreement and Order  
Respondent: Santa Ayala  
Investigator: Attorney Marc W. Crayton  
Managing Attorney: Albert P. Lenge

Mr. Lenge explained the above referenced complaint and the proposed Consent Agreement and Order. The proposed Consent Agreement and Order has been signed by Respondent Ayala.

It was moved by Commissioner Mendoza and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to adopt the proposed Consent Agreement and Order in File No. 2005-126. So voted. A copy of the Consent agreement and Order is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

5. In the Matter of a Complaint by Shirley Surgeon, Registrar of Voters, Hartford  
File No. 2006-130  
Proposed Findings and Conclusions  
Investigator: Attorney William B. Smith  
Managing Attorney: Jeffrey B. Garfield

Mr. Garfield explained the above referenced complaint and the proposed Findings and Conclusions recommending that no further action be taken.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Dolan to adopt the proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2006-130. So voted. No further action will be taken. A copy of the Findings and Conclusions is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

6. In the Matter of a Complaint by Salvatore Bramante, Hartford  
File No. 2006-131  
Proposed Findings and Conclusions  
Investigator: Attorney William B. Smith  
Managing: Jeffrey B. Garfield

Mr. Garfield explained the above referenced complaint and the proposed Findings and Conclusions recommending that no further action be taken.

It was moved by Commissioner Mendoza and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to adopt the proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No 2006-131. So voted. No further action will be taken. A copy of the proposed Findings and Conclusions is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

7. In the Matter of a Complaint by Valerie Wellons and James Nobels, New Haven  
File No. 2006-142  
Proposed Consent Agreement and Order  
Respondent: Sharon Ferrucci, Registrar of Voters  
Investigator: Attorney Marc W. Crayton  
Managing Attorney: Albert P. Lenge

Mr. Lenge explained the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Agreement and Order. He explained that the respondent has agreed to sign the agreement and forward the civil penalty.

It was moved by Commissioner Mendoza and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to adopt the proposed Consent Agreement and Order in File No. 2006-142 contingent on receipt of the signed agreement and civil penalty in seven days. So voted.

The signed proposed Consent Agreement and Order was delivered along with the \$500 civil penalty to the Commission during the meeting. A copy of the Consent Agreement and Order is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

8. In the Matter of a Complaint by Marie M. Fox, Registrar of Voters  
File No. 2006-151  
Proposed Findings and Conclusions  
Investigator: Attorney William B. Smith  
Managing Attorney: Albert P. Lenge

Mr. Lenge explained the above referenced complaint and proposed Findings and Conclusions recommending the matter be dismissed.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Dolan to adopt the proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2006-151. So voted. The matter is dismissed. A copy of the Findings and Conclusions is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

*B. Executive Session per C.G.S. 1-200(6)(B) and (E), and 1-210(b)(3) and (4)*

It was moved by Commissioner Mendoza and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins at 9:37 A.M. to proceed into executive session pursuant to C.G.S. 1-200(6)(B) and (E) and 1-210(b)(4) to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims listed as Items 9 through 18 on the agenda. So voted. Present were Commissioners Cashman, Mendoza, Jenkins and Dolan. Staff members present were Messrs. Garfield, Lenge, Clonan, Hasen, Smith, Crayton, Ly, Ms. Mathieu, Ms. Andrews, Ms. Kulmacz, Ms. Haqq and Ms. Blackburn.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Dolan to return to public session at 10:35 A.M. So voted.

Following a short recess, the Commission returned to public session and took the following action:

9. In the Matter of a Complaint by Dana D'Angelo Moreira, Middlebury  
File No. 2005-279

Investigator: Attorney Joan M. Andrews  
Managing Attorney: Jeffrey B. Garfield

This matter was continued.

10. In the Matter of Complaints by Karen Mulcahy, Waterbury  
File No. 2005-291 A-D

Investigator: Attorney Joan M. Andrews  
Managing Attorney: Jeffrey B. Garfield

This matter was continued.

11. In the Matter of a Complaint by Loius DeCilio, Stratford  
File No. 2005-300

Investigators: Attorney Joan M. Andrews and Attorney Marc W. Crayton  
Managing Attorney: Jeffrey B. Garfield

This matter was continued.

12. In the Matter of a Complaint by Shirley Surgeon, Hartford  
File No. 2006-111

Investigator: Attorney William B. Smith  
Managing Attorney: Albert P. Lenge

This matter was continued.

13. In the Matter of a Complaint by Joseph W. DeLorenzo, Hartford  
File No. 2006-112

Investigator: Attorney William B. Smith  
Managing Attorney: Albert P. Lenge

This matter was continued.

14. In the Matter of a Complaint by Dorothy A. DeBisschop, Oxford  
File No. 2006-129

Investigator: Attorney William B. Smith  
Managing Attorney: Albert P. Lenge

This matter was continued.

15. In the Matter of a Complaint by Paul M. Carver, New Britain  
File No. 2006-137

Investigator: Attorney William B. Smith  
Managing Attorney: Albert P. Lenge

This matter was continued.

16. In the Matter of a Complaint by Robert Melvin, New Haven  
File No. 2006-140

Investigators: Attorney Marc W. Crayton & Attorney William B. Smith  
Managing Attorney: Jeffrey B. Garfield

This matter was continued.

17. In the Matter of a Complaint by David B. Gilmore, Waterbury  
File No. 2006-149

Investigator: Attorney Joan M. Andrews  
Managing Attorney: Jeffrey B. Garfield

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Dolan to authorize an investigatory subpoena to Mr. David Gilmore. So voted.

18. In the Matter of a Complaint by Myrtice Riley-Wilson, Norwalk  
File No. 2006-174

Investigator: Attorney William B. Smith  
Managing Attorney: Jeffrey B. Garfield

Mr. Garfield explained the above referenced complaint. The complainant filed primary petitions with the Registrar in the City of Norwalk seeking to establish her candidacy for a primary for State Representative in the 140th District. The registrar had rejected petitions that were submitted by Ms. Riley-Wilson. The investigation established that the rejection was improper. Mr. Garfield stated that the proposed Stipulated Agreement is to resolve the

complaint and to ensure voluntary compliance with the provisions of C.G.S. §9-409. Betty Bondi, Democratic Registrar of Voters, has signed the proposed Stipulated Agreement and has willingly corrected the problem. All petitions have been reviewed and certified. The complainant is now qualified for the primary on August 8, 2006.

It was moved by Commissioner Dolan and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to adopt the proposed Stipulated Agreement in File No. 2006-174. So voted. A copy of the Stipulated Agreement is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

#### ***IV. Consideration of Contract with Pepe and Hazard LLP***

Following the discussion by the Commissioners, it was decided that the independent investigation should continue to be suspended to await the outcome of the GAE report.

#### ***V. Final Report on 2006 Session of Connecticut General Assembly***

Mr. Garfield summarized his final report of the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly. The Legislature enacted various changes to the major campaign finance reform legislation that it had passed last year. The changes that the Commission had sought significantly improved the legislation. He reviewed some of the changes which included nonseverability and the treatment of organization expenditures which was a major loophole in the original bill. There will be significant improvements in the detailed reporting requirements as well as several technical changes. Lastly, he informed the Commissioners that there will be an increase in the per diem rate for the SEEC Commissioners which will become effective on July 1, 2006.

#### ***VI. Progress Report on Implementation of Public Act 05-5***

Mr. Garfield stated that the past several months have been very busy. He was pleased to introduce Brian Clonan who has been hired as the SEEC's Data Processing Manager who will be responsible for IT staff. Brian has advanced skills in computer architecture. Mr. Garfield also introduced Mann Hasen, whom Brian recruited from DOIT as a high level developer of computer applications and programs. Mann is on loan from DOIT for one-year and is a Technical Analyst 4.

The Commissioners welcomed Brian and Mann. Mr. Garfield stated that the staff's first priority is the implementation of the state contractor ban. The Commission's task is to publish a master list of all principals, state contractors and prospective state contractors by December 31. Mr. Lenge and Brenda-Lou Mathieu, Director of Disclosure and Public Information, have been meeting and coordinating the information needed for this project. Mr. Garfield thanked Hy, Paige, Dara and Dianna for their significant contributions.

Mr. Clonan thanked everyone for this opportunity and looked forward to working with everyone. He summarized the progress expanding the staff to the third floor and his plans for improvements. He will be creating the database of principals of state contractors who are subject to the new ban on contributions. He will also be designing and implementing the new electronic filing software for the new campaign finance reporting.

Mr. Hasen thanked the Commission for welcoming him. He summarized his plans for the implementation of the state contractor ban. He is planning a state of the art application where all the contractors and their principals will be on line. He will also be designing applications for the audit unit and a new campaign finance reporting system.

Ms. Mathieu thanked Dianna, Dara and Hy for their contributions working on the online applications, and the state contractor's contribution ban.

## ***VII Adjournment***

Chairman Cashman requested that the next regular meeting scheduled for July 12, 2006 be rescheduled for July 19, 2006.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Dolan to adjourn the meeting at 11:15. So voted.

Unless otherwise indicated, all votes of the Commission were unanimous.

The next meeting will be a special meeting scheduled for July 19, 2006 at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois E. Blackburn  
Clerk of the Commission

Adopted this 19 day of July, 2006, at Hartford, Connecticut.

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Stephen F. Cashman, Chairman  
By Order of the Commission